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Mr. Christopher Meyer  
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California Energy Commission  
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**RE: The Chula Vista Energy Upgrade Project**

Dear Mr. Meyer:

Southwest Chula Vista needs the Chula Vista Energy Upgrade Project (CVEUP), which is why I support MMC's proposal to upgrade its peaker unit. With the demand for electrical power increasing at a fast pace, we need of smaller, cleaner, and more efficient plants, such as MMC's peaker, that can come on quickly during times of high demand in order to keep power outages from occurring. Approximately 60,000 homes, including my own, will be supplied with power by MMC's new 98 megawatt (MW) peaker when the local electrical system needs additional power.

MMC's proposal to upgrade its existing peaker is a step towards more efficient and sustainable energy in Chula Vista. The peaker will comply with federal, state, and local public safety and environmental requirements. The peaker will be a quiet neighbor. It will not spew harmful emissions and drastically impact air quality like other organizations, such as the Environmental Health Coalition and Southwest Chula Vista Civic Association, have led many to believe. The upgraded peaker will increase the power supply to Southwestern Chula Vista, a community that is at the end of the power grid and prone to power outages and interruptions. Since the existing peaker was built in 2001 that problem has been reduced significantly.

The upgraded peaker can be turned on in 10 minutes and it would serve as a back up when other power sources are not available. It will only run then, in times of high demand and emergency situations, it is not meant to run constantly. The CVEUP will generate cleaner and more efficient electrical power and keep homes and businesses lit and running during periods of high demand. For that reason, I urge you approve MMC's proposal to upgrade its peaker.

Sincerely,



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